

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
Decontamination Trailer Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2015
Prepared on February 24, 2015

The SERC Decontamination Trailer Committee meeting was held on February 19, 2015 at the DEMA Emergency Operations Center Planning Room. The meeting began at approximately 9:38 a.m.

Present were the following:

Mark Dolan (DNREC), Avery Dalton (DEMA, Interim SERC Executive Director), David Irwin (New Castle County LEPC, Hazmat Workshop Committee Co-Chair), Robert Newnam (DE State Fire School), COL Dallas Wingate (DE National Guard), Charles Stevenson (Sussex County LEPC), Dr. Har Ming Lau (Division of Public Health), Patty Smenkowski (DEMA), and Joe Leonetti (New Castle County Decon – By Phone)

Introductions were made. Dave Mick and Jamie Bethard were not present. Mr. Robert “Biff” Newnam presented emailed comments from Jamie Bethard during the meeting.

Equipment:

Sussex County:

Mr. Stevenson said that the equipment work for Sussex County included the replacement of a light bar and emergency lights on trailers.

New Castle County:

For the new vehicle (truck); it was received on 2/18/15. They are testing the vehicle, checking the punch list of issues. There will be an operations test once the weather gets better.

Kent County:

No report, Dave Mick was absent.

HAZMAT Response Reports:

New Castle County:

There had been 2 responses and 1 team training since the last meeting. They are getting 10-12 responders during each response. They would like to have 15-20 persons. The previously reported response was a low level radiation response at 116 Academy Street (Previously discussed at the November 20th meeting).

The two responses were; 1. Talleyville – leaking solvent container with regular PPE used. and, 2. Days Inn – a deceased person with a tent set up inside of the room along with propane cylinders, and white powder on the body. No hazardous materials were noted at the second response.

Sussex County:

There were two Methamphetamine Lab responses per Chip Stevenson.

Kent County:

No report, Dave Mick was absent.

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New Business:

Per Biff Newnam, Jamie Bethard reported \$13,465.00 in the fund and \$60,000.00 in replacement fund. There needs to be \$30,000.00 allotted per year for trailer replacement. There is 12 years estimated before there will be a replacement.

Jamie Bethard had told Joe Leonetti that the old trailer would be taken to State Surplus for disposal.

Mr. Newnam presented the following emailed comments on behalf of Jamie Bethard:

"Attached are the proposed Medical Priority Dispatch Codes.

Jamie Bethard wrote: Attached you will find a document which will be presented to the Fire Chiefs again for automatic dispatching of Hazmat Resources. This list was developed utilizing "The International Academy QA v6.1 Guide" for Fire Priority Dispatch Systems and the 12.2 version of the Medical Priority Dispatch System. All three team leaders have reviewed and commented. I will present the list to all three county chief's associations and get buy in similar to the past.

Any questions or comments please contact Jamie."

Joe Leonetti noted that for Priority Dispatch there were changes to be made to the protocols. These changes would be reviewed with the Fire Chiefs by Jamie Bethard and if they agree, we would implement the changes. It was noted that Jamie Bethard had stated "If it meets these guidelines, I want the trailer dispatched."

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting Minutes:

These minutes were prepared for the record by Avery Dalton, and posted to the Statewide Calendar on February 24, 2015.

November 20, 2014 Minutes:

Mark Dolan had suggested changes to the meeting minutes. Avery Dalton will make these changes. These revised minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held for the SERC Decontamination Trailer Committee, on May 28, 2015, at the DEMA Emergency Operations Center Planning Room.

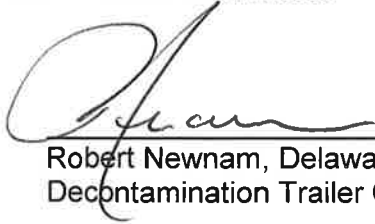
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Meeting Minutes Approved:

Minutes were taken by Patty Smenkowski, and were transcribed to this document by Avery Dalton, Interim SERC Executive Director on February 24, 2015.

Minutes, approved by Robert Newnam, Delaware State Fire School, Chair for the SERC Decontamination Trailer Committee.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Newnam', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Newnam, Delaware State Fire School, Chair for the SERC
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